

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 74 to read as follows. A marked-up copy of claim 74, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

A' 74. (Amended) A solar cell module manufacturing apparatus for manufacturing a solar cell module, said solar cell module comprising a photovoltaic element and a covering means arranged on a non-light-receiving face side of the photovoltaic element and composed of a flame resistive fiber, by a manufacturing method comprising the steps of:

providing a flame resistive layer on a surface of the non-light-receiving face side of said solar cell module; and

providing a water-absorption preventing layer on the surface of the flame resistive layer.

Remarks

The claims are 1-94, with claims 1, 30, 52, 74, 78 and 87-90 being independent. Claim 74 has been amended to be in independent form. Consideration of the present claims is respectfully requested.